

MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

Men Earn First UMAC Win against Crown

The men's basketball team overcame a pair of close losses to defeat Crown 73-56 on Friday, earning its first win of the conference season.

The Knights were led by **Todd Brassow** (*MLS*), who scored a game-high 26 points on 11-22 shooting from the field. **Luke Rothe** (*LPS*) added seven assists to go with his seven points, while **Andrew Nemmers** (*LPS*) scored nine points, grabbed nine rebounds, and blocked four shots.

MLC started the new year with a four-point loss at Bethany Lutheran and then suffered an overtime defeat against Macalester on January 12 before breaking through against Crown.



Nemmers at the line

Women Start Conference Season 2-1



Schultz drives the baseline

The women's basketball team is off to a strong start to the conference season thanks to wins over Bethany Lutheran and Crown. The Knights enter this weekend's games with a 2-1 conference record.

MLC opened conference play with a 71-65 win at BLC on January 10. **Leah Nass** (*Manitowoc LHS*) and **Erin Schmeling** (*SCLHS*) led the way with 18 and 16 points, respectively, as the Knights held off the Vikings down the stretch.

The Knights showcased their depth in the 68-49 win over Crown, as **Mariah Schoof** (*MVL*) came off the bench to match a season high with 20 points on 6-9 shooting (all three-point field goals). She was joined in double figures by first-year guard **Grace Schultz** (*FVL*), who scored 15 points and also finished with four steals.

Brassow Named UMAC Player of the Week

Junior guard **Todd Brassow** (*MLS*) was named UMAC Player of the Week in men's basketball for the second time this season on Tuesday.



1/24 WBB @North Central MBB @North Central Brassow averaged 25.3 points per game in three games and scored a career-best 26 points in games against Macalester and Crown. He also scored 24 points against Minnesota-Morris.

This season, Brassow leads MLC and the UMAC with an average of 18.0 points per game.



Brassow shoots for two